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Mayor Kelly's State of the City address stresses partnerships

The University Minnesota's St. Paul campus was the setting for Mayor Randy Kelly's second state of the City address. Kelly thanked his hosts at the U of M and the City of Falcon Heights, where the school is located. Noting that this was the first State of the City address delivered outside Saint Paul's city limits, he assured Falcon Heights that Saint Paul doesn't have any territorial ambitions.

The crowd of about 500 at the Student Union Theatre included Governor Pawlenty, the City Council, department and office directors, City



employees, and lots of citizens and business representatives.

The Mayor opened the presentation with a nod to the families of Saint Paul's members of the armed services. Special recognition belonged to Issac Afwerke, an employee

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See the Saints with friends from work

The Employee Services Committee is once again offering Saint Paul Saints tickets to City employees. Tickets went on sale Tuesday, April 15th, and will be on sale again Thursday and Friday, the 17th and 18th, from 11:30 to 1:00 in Room 41 City Hall.

Tickets are for reserved seating at \$8 each. The City will only be accepting cash; no checks, please.

Tickets are available for the following games, all of which start at 7:05 p.m.

Monday, June 16th – Tribute to Blues
Music: 150 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Thursday, June 26th – Tribute to Local
Heroes: 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Monday, July 14th – Bobblehead
Night: 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Saturday, August 16th – Randy Moss
Hood Ornament: 150 TICKETS AVAILABLE

If you have questions, please contact Kate at 651-266-8801 or Michelle at 651-266-8804.

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Places to go. Things to do.

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Police Department honors Officer Paul Schnell and Angela Anderson

The Saint Paul Police Department held their annual Employee of the Year Award ceremony on March 27th at the Holiday Inn East. With 150 fellow employees, friends and relatives in attendance, Mayor Kelly and Chief Finney presented the Officer of the Year Award to Officer Paul Schnell, an officer in the Central District, and the Civilian of the Year Award to Payroll Supervisor Angela Anderson.

Officer Schnell was recognized for demonstrating leadership abilities in a multitude of tasks with an emphasis on community policing. During the past year, he has been instrumental in organizing and developing the following projects:

- **The Urban Lab project**, which combined beat policing and specialized focuses on gangs within the West Side community.
- **The West Side Joint Auto Theft Task Force**, a multi-jurisdictional approach to auto theft and its related criminal activities.
- **The Intensive Spanish Language Program**, an immersion-based Spanish course to give officers the ability to speak with community members whose first language is Spanish. He not only wrote the specifications for this program but secured funding, wrote the grants, planned the classes and organized the instructors.

As president of the Minnesota Juvenile Officers Association and an instructor with the Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute, he continues to develop his expertise in different aspects of law enforcement. He believes that community policing works and makes a difference in the quality of life for our community members. He is a leader among his

peers and is respected by his supervisors.

Angela Anderson was recognized for demonstrating exceptional leadership and achievement in carrying out her duties. As the Payroll Supervisor she is ultimately responsible for ensuring the payroll for the 775 members of the Department is consistently

exceptional performance and attitude, commendable interpersonal skills and customer service, and brought distinct credit to her unit and the Department.

Sergeant Robert Thomasser received an Honorable Mention Award by demonstrating exceptional leadership abilities by organizing and supervising a detail named "Operation Sunrise" in the Thomas/Dale-Frogstown neighborhood during the summer of 2002. Because of his efforts and those of his team, there was a 75% reduction in narcotics complaints, over a 70% reduction in prostitution complaints, and a 60% reduction in calls for police service.



Officer Paul Schnell

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Angela Anderson

accurate and done in a timely manner.

Her job is one of the few that gets "reviewed" by all the employees of the Department at least once every payroll period. With the depletion of funds and reduction of budgets, submission and tracking of overtime is more important than ever. She professionally designed and expeditiously implemented the new overtime cards which have proven to be an extremely beneficial tool for supervisors to manage overtime expenses.

On a daily basis her office is required to process Injured On Duty forms and claims, implement contracts for nine bargaining units, process retirements and resignations, and verify sick and overtime submissions. City Human Resources singled out her and her unit as a model payroll division with the highest degree of accuracy and a highly professional and responsive staff. She has demonstrated sustained

Officer Don Wilson received an Honorable Mention Award for his commitment to helping victims of domestic assault find a safe alternative by getting repeat offenders to stop terrorizing their victims and abide by court orders intended to protect these victims from abuse. He developed and secured funding for the Serious Court Order Offender Program, which was so successful that its practices were adopted by the newly created Family and Sexual Violence Unit.

Meredith Vogland received an Honorable Mention Award for demonstrating exceptional achievement in carrying out her duties as the Crime Prevention Coordinator. She worked tirelessly to build a partnership with neighborhood groups, businesses and area law enforcement agencies relating to spray painting graffiti crimes. Her tangible successes on graffiti identification, investigation, and prosecution make Saint Paul a better place to live and work.

It's B-BOP time

Bike, Bus, or Pool Day, better known as **B-BOP Day**, is designed to help us get us out of our single-occupant vehicles and in to more earth-friendly modes of transportation. This year's day B-BOP Day is May 15th, and it's a great opportunity for all of us to try out new and different ways to get to and from work.

Traffic congestion in the metro area has a significant economic and environmental cost. Congestion is estimated to cost the metro region over \$1 billion per year in terms of time lost by commuters and excess fuel consumption from stop and go traffic. Transportation is the single largest contributor to air pollution and energy consumption. And traffic congestion delays the movement of goods and services, threatening the economic competitiveness of the metro area.

To help you be part of the solution to these problems, here are some tips on alternative ways to commute to work.

Bike: By biking to work, and on other trips you need to make, you can keep one more car off our already busy street systems, save money by using less gas and creating less wear and tear on your car, and get yourself some exercise to boot. Many of us live close enough to commute on our bikes at least a couple of days each week. For more information about bike commuting, feel free to call Lisa Falk, 651-266-6117, or Howie Bell, 651-266-6415. There are organized group bicycle rides into downtown being scheduled for B-BOP Day. See the Department of Transportation's web site, b-bop.org/



stpaul_bikeride.html, for more information on those rides.



Bus: By riding the bus to work, and on other errands, you can keep another car off the streets. Just think of all the additional cars there would be on the roads if each person on each bus drove alone instead. By sitting on the bus, you can save money and wear and tear on your car, keep more cars off the streets, and have some extra time to read or just daydream. Plus, because of bus-only shoulders and ramp meter bypasses, your trip might even be faster on the bus! The City participates in the MetroPass program, through which downtown city employees can buy discounted bus passes with pre-tax money. To get more information on the MetroPass program, call Bucky Yanez, 651-266-8839, see the City's internal web page at theorb.ci.stpaul.mn.us, or see Metro Transit's web site at www.metrotransit.org.



Pool: By joining a car pool, whether official or informal, you are helping to keep extra cars off the streets, saving money by not driving your car as much, and leaving yourself some time to socialize or snooze on your way to and from work. To get more information on getting into an "official" car pool,

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Spring Clothing Drive for Martha's Closet is April 29th

Ladies, here is a great opportunity to clean out your closet of clothes that no longer fit or are no longer worn. Donate them to the women's career Clothing Drive to benefit Martha's Closet, to be held on Tuesday, April 29. The clothes closet is for women who truly need a wardrobe for job interviewing but cannot afford one.

Martha's Closet is a program sponsored by Central Presbyterian Church, to assist women moving off welfare and into the workplace. Career clothes, accessories, and cash for this year's spring and summer needs will be accepted.



Clothing should be suitable for work and in season. No jeans, t-shirts or formals, please. Clothes should also be clean (washed and ironed, or dry cleaned) and delivered on hangers. Larger sizes are in greatest demand, but all sizes are welcome. Accessories in good repair, like shoes, jewelry, scarves, belts and purses, are welcome too.

Martha's Closet also needs cash donations to help buy other items needed to complete a wardrobe. Checks should be made payable to "Central Presbyterian Church / Martha's Closet."

Clothes and checks may be dropped off in Room 150 City Hall Annex (off the first floor lobby) on Tuesday, April 29th, at the following times ONLY: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and 4:00

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Listed below are relatives and friends of city employees in military service to our country. We're sure there are more. Let us know at city.update@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-266-8700. Thanks.

Sgt. Issac Afwerke, Army	<i>Middle East location, classified</i>	<i>employee of Saint Paul Regional Water Services</i>
1st Lt. Christian Bjornson, Army	<i>Iraq and Kuwait</i>	<i>nephew of Cindy Carlson Heins, P.E.D.</i>
Pvt. Jesse Kelley	<i>Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri</i>	<i>son of Pattie Kelley, P.E.D.</i>
Sgt. Mike Morrison, Army	<i>Middle East location, classified</i>	<i>son of Cindy Morrison, Parks & Recreation</i>

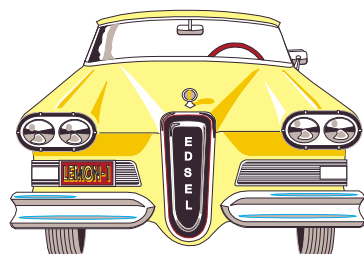


CCCU's Enterprise Car Sale — April 26th

Don't miss our Enterprise Car Sale on Saturday, April 26, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maplewood branch. Enterprise will have a large selection of quality vehicles, and you won't have to haggle, as all their cars are priced below NADA retail.

Also, CCCU is offering a one-day special rate of 3.99% APR for up to 5 years on your Enterprise purchase the day of the sale! Call us today at 651-225-2700 and get pre-approved in just a few minutes. Or apply online at www.cccu.com

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contact Metro Commuter Services at 651-602-1602 or check their web site at www.metrocommuterservices.org.

Part of the idea of B-BOP day is that once you realize how easy and beneficial it is to commute some way other than alone in your car, you will decide to do the alternative transportation thing more often. So why put it off any longer? Get out of the car and get on your bike, get on to the bus, or get into a car pool!

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of Saint Paul Regional Water Services.

The theme of the day was "Progress through Partnerships." The partnership Mayor Kelly talked most prominently about was with the University of Minnesota. He discussed building a Saint Paul home for the area's bio-sciences industry.

The Mayor had several special guests who were partners in his presentation. They were Mr. Wayne Brunetti, president and CEO of Xcel Energy; Dr. David Hamilton, vice president of research, University of Minnesota; and Dr. Robert Elde, dean of biological sciences at the U. And finally, Governor Pawlenty spoke on

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p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Or donations may be taken directly to Central Presbyterian Church at 500 Cedar Street between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. the same day. Receipts for the donated clothing will be given at both locations.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help with the clothing drive, please call Lisa Falk at 266-6117.

Bring in those clothes you never wear anymore and help someone else get started on their new career!

the University's and Saint Paul's vision, and the progress of state initiatives.

Other guests, "Community Voices," spoke about leveraging the energy of Saint Paul's young people, and about housing partnerships, small business assistance partnerships, and partnerships among the City the County and non-profit organizations.

For a complete text of the Mayor's address, see www.ci.stpaul.mn.us or go directly to www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/mayor/speeches/03soc.html.

City job openings as of April 18th, 2003

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
Open	ECC Telecommunicator	\$1,417.26 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	Parks Worker I (Seasonal/Temporary)	\$7.66 per hr	See Job Ann
04/23/03	Sheet Metal Inspector	\$28.72 per hr	05/06/03

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after April 10th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.

On January 16th, 2003, Mayor Randy Kelly announced a hiring freeze for the City of Saint Paul until further notice. This applies to all positions within the City, but excludes the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health and RiverCentre.

Certain positions may be determined exempt for the hiring freeze; please continue to check our web site and job line to see if there are any new postings for which you might be interested.